

What is claimed is:

1. A method for cleaning a drain or delivery line comprising administering a composition comprising at least one water soluble organic acid and, optionally, one or more of the following:
  - a) an alkali counter ion;
  - b) a water soluble chelating agent;
  - c) a water soluble dispersing agent;
  - d) a humectant;
  - e) a solubilizing agent; and
  - f) a preservative.
2. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the composition is administered to the drain or delivery line via a drip or wick system.
3. The method according to Claim 2, wherein the composition prevents the growth of or removes bacteria from the drain or delivery line.
4. The method according to Claim 3, wherein the bacteria is an acetic acid bacteria.
5. The method according to Claim 3, wherein the drain or delivery line is present in a drink fountain, bar tap, brewery line or ice machine.
6. The method according to Claim 2, wherein the water soluble organic acid is selected from the group consisting of lactic acid, citric acid, aminoacetic acid, ascorbic acid, benzoic acid, gluconic acid, hydroxyacetic acid, hydroxybenzoic acid, formic acid, oxalic acid, propanoic acid, salicylic acid, succinic acid, hydroxysuccinic acid, and tartaric acid.
7. The method according to Claim 6, wherein the water soluble organic acid is lactic acid.
8. The method according to Claim 6, wherein the organic acid is present in an amount between 1.0 and 10 percent of the total composition.
9. The method according to Claim 6, wherein the alkali counter ion is present in an amount sufficient to maintain a pH necessary to minimize corrosion.
10. The method according to Claim 9, wherein the alkali counter ion is selected from the group consisting of sodium ions, potassium ions, calcium ions, magnesium ions, ammonium ions, amine ions and mixtures thereof.
11. A method for maintaining a drain or delivery line comprising administering an effective amount of a composition having a concentration of organic acid sufficient to inhibit

the growth of bacteria, the composition comprising at least one water soluble organic acid and, optionally, one or more of the following:

- a) an alkali counter ion;
- b) a water soluble chelating agent;
- c) a water soluble dispersing agent;
- d) a humectant;
- e) a solubilizing agent; and
- f) a preservative.

12. The method according to Claim 11, wherein the composition is administered to the drain or delivery line via a drip or wick system.

13. The method according to Claim 12, wherein the bacteria is an acetic acid bacteria.

14. The method according to Claim 13, wherein the drain or delivery line is present in a drink fountain, bar tap, brewery line or ice machine.

15. The method according to Claim 12, wherein the water soluble organic acid is selected from the group consisting of lactic acid, citric acid, aminoacetic acid, ascorbic acid, benzoic acid, gluconic acid, hydroxyacetic acid, hydroxybenzoic acid, formic acid, oxalic acid, propanoic acid, maleic acid, salicylic acid, succinic acid, hydroxysuccinic acid, and tartaric acid.

16. The method according to Claim 15, wherein the water soluble organic acid is lactic acid.

17. The method according to Claim 15, wherein the organic acid is present in an amount between 1.0 and 10 percent of the total composition.

18. The method according to Claim 15, wherein the alkali counter ion is present in an amount sufficient to maintain a pH necessary to minimize corrosion.

19. A composition comprising at least one water soluble organic acid and, optionally, one or more of the following:

- a) an alkali counter ion;
- b) a water soluble chelating agent;
- c) a water soluble dispersing agent;
- d) a humectant;
- e) a solubilizing agent; and
- f) a preservative.